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1. [redacted] completion of the re-equipment program for rifle units under CGF command [redacted] a considerable effort has been made by artillery officers in carrying out the transition of artillery units to their new T/O and E status. All artillery equipment is now to have been replaced with the latest authorized weapons. 25X1
2. [redacted] an inspection committee arrived from Moscow recently to examine the efficiency of armored units. The inspection covered two tank regiments. Whereas one regiment received a commendation, the commander of the other regiment was reprimanded for the regiment's poor performance during an alert. One battalion from each regiment was to appear at a designated point by a certain time in full combat readiness. The battalion of the first regiment arrived in full strength within the given time limit, but the battalion of the second regiment had only two tanks at the designated point. The rest of the tanks of this battalion were scattered along the entire route to the destination, all having suffered from minor mechanical failures. [redacted] hereafter it was imperative that full attention be given to the study of the technical aspects of armor and the training of all tank troops in proper maintenance. 25X1
3. There are no indications of any reduction in Soviet troop strength in Austria. There is a rumor [redacted] that there will be no dependent school in Baden next year. USIA personnel reductions are still in progress. Additional reductions in personnel at the Soviet headquarters in the Hotel Imperial, Vienna, are expected in May. 25X1

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